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Adoption of the report of the Committee

Draft report

I. Organization of the session

Rapporteur:

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held the first part of its 1998 session from 18 to 29 May 1998. The Committee held _____ meetings (650th to _____).

B. Attendance

2. The representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

3. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, France, Italy, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine.

4. The following non-member State was represented by an observer: Holy See.

5. The following organization, having received a standing invitation to participate as an observer in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly, was represented by an observer: Palestine.

6. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

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7. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: International Chamber of Commerce, and International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (general consultative status); Amnesty International, Baha'i International Community, and Human Rights Watch (special consultative status).

C. Election of officers

8. At the 650th meeting, on 18 May, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:

Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia)

Vice-Chairmen:

Gautam Mukhopadhaya (India)
Mr. Sean McDonald (Ireland)
Mrs. Emilia Castro de Barish (Costa Rica)

9. At its 653rd meeting, on 19 May, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Valentin Hadjiyski (Bulgaria) as Vice-Chairman.

D. Agenda

10. At the 650th meeting, on 18 May, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its May 1998 session, as contained in document E/C.2/1998/1. The agenda is as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the resumed 1997 session of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.
4. Review of quadrennial reports deferred from the resumed 1997 session.
5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304.
7. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32.
8. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/50.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 1999 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.